

Taylor had not went into it, he would have been called a coward, therefore it would not do for him to resign, and what if he had been called a coward; if doing right is cowardice, who ought not to be a coward? Does your Excellency or any body else expect that if President Polk had ordered Gen. Taylor to go and capitulate London instead of Monterey, that he would not have waited for Congress to have spoken, even at the risk of having been called a coward. Did not Mr. Duane, Secretary of the Treasury under Gen. Jackson's administration, and Senator Mangum, resign before they would obey unconstitutional Mandates without asking whether they would be called cowards. The limits of a letter forbid my saying any thing respecting Gen Taylor's talents, but you know that honesty first, then ability was Republican creed. In reference to the subject of slavery mentioned by you, there is an entire mistake in your information. Slavery as existing under the constitution and laws is part and parcel of what we are bound to obey, its existence in the State renders it necessary that laws should be passed to regulate it. Therefore the withholding votes of any kind from State affairs is not the case. But with respect to the propriety of extending Slavery over the Territories under the jurisdiction of the general Government, which are now free, there is certainly a great difference of opinion amongst the honest citizens of North Carolina. I am always inclined to speak my opinions frankly and without impugning the motives of others and therefore I must say that I cannot reconcile it with justice to take that Territory from a Sister Republic under duress, and all the time be promising the citizens of these Territories that if they would submit and come under the Laws of the United States that they should have its protection, and be entitled to the right of Habious Corpus, and trial by Jury, and as soon as we get the power establish against their will and wish Laws which they have abolished which will deprive many of them of the Elective Franchise, and compel them to carry the evidences of their freedom in their pockets. The colour of the skin by the Laws of African Slavery being *prima facie* evidence that the person is a slave, and will therefore throw the Burthen of proof on him. No sensible man can doubt that if slavery is extended over New Mexico that the citizens there will be much harrassed by pursuit after runaways if not themselves subjected to slavery. I must adopt the Language of John Kerr, Esq., Elector on the Taylor Electoral Ticket in this District when I say that "no Christian community can wish to see the evils of slavery en-